

11. (Thrice amended) The composition [dosage form] of claim 22 [10], wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is strain 709-27 (ATCC 53186).

12. (Amended) The composition [dosage form] of claim 11, wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount [present in a maximum dose] of about  $1 \times 10^9$  Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

13. (Amended) The composition [dosage form] of claim 11, wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount [present in a minimum dose] of about  $1.7 \times 10^7$  Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

14. (Twice Amended) The composition [dosage form] of claim 11, wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is in a lyophilized form and said saponin is in a diluent.

16. (Thrice amended) The method of claim 23 [15], wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is strain 709-27 (ATCC 53186).

18. (Thrice Amended) The method of claim 24 [17], wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is strain 709-27 (ATCC 53186).

19. (Amended) The method of claim 24 [17], wherein said attenuated *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount of from about  $10^5$  to about  $10^{11}$  Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

20. (Amended) The method of claim 24 [17], wherein said attenuated *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount of from about  $10^6$  to about  $10^{10}$  Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

21. (Amended) The method of claim 24 [17], wherein said attenuated *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount of from about  $10^7$  to about  $10^9$  Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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